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THE dire need of the *Mission Populaire* for receipts to fill its depleted general fund from which salaries, heat, light and other maintenance charges are drawn, has restrained the National Board from calling attention to special activities and extra features which formerly received generous support.

At this season, it may not be amiss to mention the most colorful event of the year for the *Mission's* adherents, young and old alike. This year, as last, the station directors were told that they must use their own wits to meet the expenses incident to the Christmas *fêtes*. Certain it is that the general treasury will be called upon to share a part of the cost. It is not too late to send contributions to reimburse the general fund. Gifts should be marked "For the Christmas Fund."

The Relief Fund, too, is a subject for winter reference. Few realize how much

good has been accomplished with the money sent to assist cases of real distress, or to give a lift to a director in the event of an unforeseen emergency. May our treasurer count on your help in this?

A gracious gift, from an individual or an Auxiliary, would be a check for \$400 to cover the cost of a play shed (*préau*), to protect the children of the *Maison Fraternelle*, rue de Cronstadt, St. Quentin, now directed by Monsieur Garnier, formerly at Nantes. Such a sum would be a capital investment with a guarantee of dividends—dividends of happiness and joy.



Inform Your Public

A NEW McAll leaflet has come from the press as an aid in the general publicity program of the Association.

Under the title "Good news from a far country," there is concise information concerning the purposes and scope of both the *Mission Populaire* and the American McAll Association. A map of France showing the location of the *Mission* centers and two illustrations contribute to the attractiveness of this latest piece of literature.

Convenient in size as an enclosure in letters or for distribution in churches and at open meetings, the leaflet should be helpful to officers, managers and publicity chairmen in their efforts during the coming months of the fiscal year.

Copies may be had without cost in such quantities as may be used to the best advantage by addressing the Philadelphia office.



Madame Mathilde Vachon, in charge of the distribution of garments from the *Vestiaire*, has taken over the duties formerly assumed by Madame Roustain, now enjoying a well earned rest at Compiègne.

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Will be held at
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Thursday and Friday, April 27 and 28
1933

In joint celebration of the
GOLDEN JUBILEE
of the
Boston Auxiliary and the Association

MISS IDA M. MITCHELL,
President of the Auxiliary,
31 Osborne Road,
Brookline, Mass.

MRS. WILLIAM H. WHITE,
Chairman, Hospitality Committee,
93 Dean Road,
Brookline, Mass.

What of the Future?

By C. G. Bittner

JANUARY first is the accepted date for inventory, review, re-planning and resolutions; for foresight as well as for hindsight.

Civilization has groped, stumbled and all but fallen through a year which has imposed upon the world an almost intolerable burden of misery, injustice, hatred and chaos.

After three long years of soul-searing hardship, struggle and sacrifice, individuals, nations and organizations are now asking, "What of the coming months? Will our faith and courage stand the strain of yet another period of anguish and doubt?"

The American McAll Association, in common with many other Christian organizations, is beset with grave apprehensions for the future. The Association's position is peculiar in that it has no definite contractual relations with the cause which it fosters, and has no dependent American missionaries in a foreign field.

It does have, however, a responsibility more binding than any promise to pay—a fifty year old *moral* responsibility to the *Mission Populaire*, sole beneficiary of the generosity and genuine devotion of thousands who have made the name McAll respected in the annals of American missionary enterprises.

This open hearted generosity of which the Association may well be proud has had two well defined results. It has made a permanent contribution to French life in buildings and equipment adapted to the teaching of Christ's word. Second, it has enabled and encouraged the directors of the *Mission* to budget their activities on the basis of a steady flow of

American gifts amounting to between 60 and 70 per cent. of their total annual receipts.

The Mission Retreats

Therein lies the peril which threatens the *Mission* today. The economic crisis, now in its fourth winter, has diminished the receipts of the Association, and to a like extent, curtailed the *Mission's* work. A number of centers have been closed; a \$100,000 property in Paris (an American gift) is for sale; one vacation colony sold and two others awaiting buyers; faithful workers retired. Obviously, this downward course can not go on indefinitely without disaster to the enterprise so prayerfully nurtured by Dr. McAll, and to the progress of evangelical Protestantism in France.

In addition to the prevailing reasons advanced on all sides for inability to subscribe to foreign Christian undertakings—reduced income, support of relatives or friends, primary interest in local relief, allegiance to the home church—a new argument confronts the American McAll Association, one more serious in its import than any which it has experienced in its past history.

An Added Difficulty

The technical default by France of the December debt payment has aroused a widespread feeling of resentment against the French nation. Calm judgment and a better understanding of the problems underlying the action of the Chamber of Deputies will eventually, of course, clear the atmosphere now heavily charged with the thunder of demagogues and the rash opinions of those who refuse to

acknowledge any virtue in countries other than their own.

Until the day comes when the two nations shall return to the cordial basis of amity which ruled before war sowed the seeds of international distrust, this Association must submit to an unfair handicap to the detriment of its prestige and favor.

Its half century of obedience to the Master's injunction to carry the gospel into all the world, its firm desire to instill friendship, its high purpose to serve as a bond of unity between two great republics—all these considerations will merit little attention from many who are unwisely guided by selfish propagandists.

A Double Burden

The members of the Association are thus confronted with a double task—to combat, through sacrifices of time and money, an undeniable economic stress, and to meet the criticisms of those who contend that France is rich, miserly, militaristic and dominated by self-interest.

Can the organization face those issues with an unshaken belief in the *Mission Populaire*, in its French personnel, and in the French men, women and children whom it serves?

A scant ninety days remains for action before the books of the Philadelphia office close to mark the end of another fiscal year. Within that brief time, the future of the *Mission* must be decided. Shall it be forced to retreat to the brink of extinction, to relinquish its spiritual hold on the lives of thousands who are little concerned with the blundering ineptitude of politicians, but are deeply moved by the spirit of Christ whose words they hear in every *Mission* center?

What is going to be your attitude to that question today as the new year opens its doors to a bewildered world?

In Memoriam

Harriet M. Plunkett

President Emeritus, Pittsfield Auxiliary

THE news of the death at her home, November 7, of Miss Harriet M. Plunkett, president emeritus of the Pittsfield Auxiliary, at the age of 84, fell upon the ears and hearts of the older members of the Association with a peculiar sense of loss, and especially to those who began their work in the eager period of enthusiasm and personal contact.

An early member of the Auxiliary, Miss Plunkett was its secretary and then its president for a score of years, and she abated no jot or tittle of her duties—she felt them opportunities—until a grave illness two years ago prevented further activity. But to the end of her life—and afterward—her interest did not fail. (*A bequest of \$1,000 to the American McAll Association was mentioned in Miss Plunkett's will. Ed. note.*)

Miss Plunkett was a gentlewoman of the old school. She made much of personal and friendly relations, as many of the older officers and speakers can well remember. In the midst of a crowded life, she gave herself to this work, her home, the influence of an old family name, her culture, experience, and ability. Underneath all these was a deep and profound devotion to her Lord and Master, who she believed desired her to work in this corner of His harvest.

Being what she was, it is plain to see the loss to the whole Association, and to her home Auxiliary in particular. Who shall thus work and talk and pray for "McAll?"

ANNA L. DAWES.

Memories of Sunny Days

Incidents Taken from the Reports of Vacation Colony Directors

FONDETTES

"ARE you happy at the colony?" asked a little girl of another who had arrived a few days before.

"It isn't a vacation colony here," Jeanne replied.

"Well, if it isn't a colony, what is it?"
"It is a big family."

Nothing could better reward the efforts of the *Mission* to provide a happy and profitable sojourn for the children at *Fondettes* than this feeling of a great family felt by a child.

To complete the Sunday school lesson, we chose the life of St. Paul for the devotional exercises. Raoul (11 years) a Jewish boy whose sister is a cadette and his brother a *Mission* Boy Scout, asked that another devotional meeting be given before leaving the colony. "Oh, Mademoiselle," he said, "we won't hear about St. Paul any more." That was his great regret. These three Jewish children have been coming to *Pierre Levée* and to the vacation colony for the past eight years. With some Protestant young girls they were the only ones to bring a Bible and a hymn book with them.

C. SAVARY.



GERARDMER

OUR ambition is far from being satisfied when the children return with pink cheeks and several pounds of added weight. Above all we wish to take advantage of the few weeks during which the children are plunged in an atmosphere of beauty, of calm and of purity, to help them to hear in their own hearts the

voice of Him who has created these marvels and to teach them to see in Him the Father full of love and pity, and also the God who hates sin.

The father of one of them was injured one day, at his work; in the evening of the day that she received the news, the whole dormitory prayed for Madeleine's father, and as she waited anxiously for more news, her little cousin Josiane said simply: "She does not need to worry any more, since she prayed!" Josiane is eight, a pale child whose hair is two shades, for her father is a hairdresser who tried out a dye on her. She is remarkably intelligent and has a keen desire to learn more about God; she is happy when the hour of worship comes and is always one of the first to be in her seat.

And there is Mariette, nicknamed the "little cowherder." She walks about sedately, her knitting in her hands, her ball of wool under her arm. When she is not in sight she is sure to be found with the children of the neighboring farm, helping them guard the cows. She is not afraid of them and she often chases the ones that stray back to their stalls. In Mariette's veins runs the blood of Flemish peasants and she is true to her heritage. She is ten and goes to *La Bienvenue* with her two little sisters, Rose and Micheline. They have only their mother; their father deserted her. One day we overheard the following conversation, which took place while they were cleaning vegetables. Said Rose, "I haven't any father or brother." "Sure you have," replied Madeleine, "since God

is our Father." "Then you have two," said Rose, "and if Jesus is our brother, Mairicette has two brothers." "Yes, but she can only see one of them." "That does not matter, since He sees us," replied Josiane.

"I wonder," said another little girl, "if a whispered prayer is of any use."

She was happy to have it confirmed that God hears even the sighs of our hearts.

M. MÜLLER.

about one of their comrades who was ill at home with pneumonia.

"Will you stay with us, Madame?" I listened to them and they were so attractive, and not at all ridiculous, in their night-clothes. In the middle of their large room, illuminated by the shining stars, they said their prayers together, remembering the one who was sick. Moments like these make worth while the difficulties encountered at a vacation colony.

C. PERROT.

FRESNES-L'ARCHEVEQUE

ONE evening, I found some boys in the dormitory formed in a circle, with one in the center.

"What are you doing?" I asked.

"We have arranged ourselves this way to pray together." That word "together" pleased me, for they were a little anxious

The *Fraternité* of Rouen organized an anti-alcoholic campaign in November attended by more than 1,800 persons.

Pastor Bertrand, director of the Grenelle center in Paris, recently conducted a "Mission Week" during which 1,600 francs were added to the Mission Christmas fund.



Charles L. Jaillet, of Morristown, N. J., a volunteer monitor at Coqueréaumont with the boys under his care.

Daily Vacation Bible Schools

Summer Havens for City Children

SAINT QUENTIN

THIS school, while attaining an attendance almost beyond our hopes, opened a large passage for the winter's work. We have become acquainted with a quarter of the city which is at a considerable distance from the *Fraternité*. A number of children came regularly thanks to the luncheon offered to those who lived too far away to return home for the midday meal. Each day about 60 children were given a bowl of excellent soup prepared by Madame Payot.

During the first few days, bad language was often heard. This was quickly abated. I asked one boy what he had learned at the school and his reply was, "I learned not to use bad words." Another said to me, "You know, Monsieur, it's swell here at the *Frat*; I like the stories you tell us. And we learn to like each other, and I've told my father all about it." Then there is the little girl who, after hearing us speak of Jesus blessing the children, said that her mother had blessed the children of her family the day before by dipping them in a tub of water.

In all the confusion, in the midst of the noisy excitement, there were conquests and exultation. If time permitted I could quote fragments from letters which came from communists, Catholics and free thinkers. All were thankful for the good accomplished for their children, and all promised to send them to the Sunday and Thursday schools. One father wrote, "I do not know how you did it but my boy has been changed from his stubbornness and his lying tendencies to something

much more amiable and gentle. I want him to go regularly to the *Mission*, if you will allow him." Is that not an interesting testimony of the work accomplished in two months? Is it not a sowing which will sprout sooner or later under God's sunshine, and is it not the crowning to so much labor and fatigue, and also the fruit of a joyous hope?

M. PAYOT.



BICETRE

I WAS particularly pleased with the deportment of the largest boys during the periods of religious instruction. An Armenian boy said to me, "I love to hear you talk about the life of Jesus." Another said, "Hurrah! it's time for the meeting." To the others he shouted, "Hurry up for the lesson." And when, at great trouble, we gathered the reluctant girls together, I found the boys already in their places, awaiting the opening in silence. The greater part, if not all, of these children are refugee Armenians. I have remarked among them a seriousness for religious matters which is lacking in our French children.

The exceptionally warm weather did not permit us to undertake many excursions. Very willingly the children applied themselves to various kinds of work with the hands. The girls outrivalled each other in their zeal to do the sewing which I distributed. Chemises, handkerchiefs, aprons, bibs, and even embroidered table cloths were fashioned with eagerness as favorite hymns were sung.

When the weather permitted, the little groups relaxed to play games, while the

very small ones amused themselves in the sand pile, or at playing shopkeeper. It was amusing to note how the instinct of the race made itself felt. They were very honest, these little merchants on the grass plot. One of them brought me a ten franc note which he had found on the ground. He was warmly praised for his honesty.

L. KASPAR.



ARCUEIL

ACCORDING to their age or capability, the children were instructed in weaving, bristol board embroidery, drawing, painting, model building, sewing and fancy embroidery. A thing which pleased me immensely was the enthusiasm with which the children set to work. At two thirty they all stopped their games and trooped into the hall.

"If they gave me this work to do at home I wouldn't do it," said a twelve-year-old girl, "but here it is fun."

Even the smallest ones, whose chins hardly reached the table-top, worked zealously. "I never get the holes in the right place," said a youngster of five his face crimsoned with the effort he had been making. "You see, this is girl's work, this weaving on bristol board, but in time I'll do it as well as any girl."

We feel that this work, carried on over several weeks at a time, cannot fail to leave a lasting impression on most of the children. Naturally, one stops to think when one hears a child, about six years old, sitting on the see-saw singing a popular song and the next moment changing to a hymn. One little girl of seven, sitting on the stairs for a long time without saying a word, raised her big blue eyes to mine and said in a profound and thoughtful way, "It's nice here." At that, she seemed to have summed up the impression which many of the children

had received; she had felt that which the counsellors had sought to make her feel—the well-being which brings fraternal love.

M. MEYLAN.



NANTES

WHILE 115 children breathed the pure sea air of *La Bernerie*, our little citizens who were kept in town were able to play gleefully in the two courtyards and the beautiful playground of the *Fraternité*. They improved physically and there was not a single accident. Forty girls and ninety-one boys, attending more or less regularly, were the beneficiaries of our programs.

This group was composed of a peculiar mixture. Beside the charming little creatures who had grown up under the influence of our *Fraternité* were to be found unfortunate children coming from the most dreary quarters of Nantes. The most ragged, the most dirty, the most undisciplined and the most unvarnished were fraternally received. Some, children of drunkards, used obscene language; one boasted of his prowess in stealing candy from a grocery store; another, covered with sores, gave Mlle. Grassmuck, the nurse, or her substitute, Mlle. Forget, much trouble; yet another insisted that he liked his slices of bread and butter more than he liked his mother.

The results of this open air school were very evident. The dirty children learned how to keep themselves clean, the bad-tempered ones became better natured, the uncivil became amiable. It was not in vain that they had listened to talks about the Savior of children and that they had lived several weeks in the radiating influence of the *Fraternité*.

GEORGE CADIER.

Annual Meeting

THE Boston Auxiliary reports splendid progress in its plans for welcoming the delegates, members and friends of the Association, April 27, 28, at the Annual Meeting.

Those who heard the address of Professor André Morize, of Harvard University, at the 1930 Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, will be glad to learn that he will again draw upon his deep knowledge of France and the French people at one of the sessions of the convention. Other speakers will be announced later.

The list of committee chairmen appointed by the Executive Committee of the Auxiliary, is as follows:

Hospitality

Mrs. William H. White
93 Dean Road, Brookline, Mass.

Entertainment

Mrs. Herbert S. Johnson
59 Windsor Road, Brookline, Mass.

Research

The Misses Hawes
90 Bay State Road, Boston, Mass.

Ushers

Mrs. George A. Clapp
26 Chauncy St., Cambridge, Mass.

Devotions

Miss Ida Mitchell
31 Osborne Road, Brookline, Mass.

Information at Church

Mrs. Alfred A. Gillette
36 Edmunds Road, Wellesley Hills

Registration

Mrs. E. P. Coty
99 Highland St., West Newton, Mass.

Newspaper Publicity

Mrs. Arthur E. Childs
121 Bay State Road, Boston, Mass.

Willing Fingers

SCENE: A cheerful room in an Old Ladies' Home in Philadelphia.

Two persons are involved in this story (as reported by Mrs. Albert M. Barnes). One is a gentle old lady who counts her age, not by years but by memories. The other is a small French child, name, age and address unknown.

Day after day, through the fleeting hours, the staccato click of knitting needles is heard in that room. With the magic of fingers that are thin, yet still graceful, a formless strand of yarn is transformed into a sweater, warm to the touch, gay to the eye.

In the brief interim between two such garments, there is time for thoughts to go a-winging to that distant *Mission* which harbors thousands of French children who are learning of the love of an unseen Father for all His little folk.

One of these, she knows, will wear the sweater, wrought in patience and gladness, for protection against the damp chill of the winter months. And she likes to think that the wearer may know, too, the divine protection which fortifies and irradiates each understanding heart.

These willing fingers are but few of the many in the Philadelphia Auxiliary which fashion garments for the *Mission* children. Only recently, a group of the membership, with Mrs. H. Childs Hodgens as leader, has assumed the duties which Mrs. Harry C. Kline, as Chairman of Sewing, so capably performed until illness denied her the strength and time to continue.

A line addressed to Mrs. Hodgens, in care of the Philadelphia office, will bring detailed information about patterns, materials, layettes, etc., for the guidance of individuals or Auxiliaries.

Just Among Ourselves

News of McAll Groups Here and There

BOSTON

With the appointment of eight committees, the Auxiliary is now organized for handling the many details in connection with the Annual Meeting. "It is our fiftieth anniversary. Come and celebrate with us," writes Miss Mitchell, president.

Routine matters, such as relief and sewing, have not been forgotten in the three meetings thus far called. In November, Miss Congdon met with the executive committee, gave an inspiring talk to managers, and presented the McAll film to a large group of young people at Trinity Church. This last audience was also addressed by Mrs. Craig, national president.

BUFFALO

In October and November, the Buffalo Junior group had five meetings; one for managers, two for sewing, a joint meeting with the Senior Auxiliary at which Mrs. James C. Colgate was the speaker, and an open meeting at the home of Mrs. Mathew Klepfer, which was the occasion of a talk by Mrs. Dana B. Hellings on "International Friendship."

The same alertness will prevail in the new year with four meetings scheduled in January, four in February and four in March. The year's program will be closed by the annual meeting of the group, April 7, and the annual luncheon in May.

Miss Frances E. Bliss is president of this active organization which keeps eleven committees busy in various ways—all leading to a wider knowledge of McAll in Buffalo.

DETROIT

In a city sorely troubled by the effects of industrial stagnation, the membership of the Association may find an example of firm resolution and of vigor which refuses to admit defeat. At a time when an organization might be justified in saying, "Let's wait until conditions are better," the McAll group of Detroit, animated by resourceful leadership, has forged ahead with a *planned* fourfold program.

In spite of severe illness, Mrs. Albert Honywili, Jr., president of the Detroit Auxiliary, opened her home, November 13, in welcome to Mrs. James C. Colgate who inspired a large audience to greater efforts for the *Mission*. In addition to the program meeting for January which includes the reading of the fourth paper on the lives of "Eight Women of France," the Auxiliary has planned a sale of books and "white elephants." Another special event is a bridge tea scheduled for February.

The student group, organized November 4, is gaining steadily in membership. A Christmas tea was given, December 3, at the home of the chairman, Miss Gertrude Schulz. Busy fingers made scrapbooks and dressed dolls, and Christmas cards were written to new friends in France. To secure funds for building and equipping a kitchen at the *Mission's* vacation colony at Gérardmer, the student members plan to buy and resell a block of seats in Detroit's Civic Theatre.

Twenty-four children and almost as many mothers were the response to an

invitation from Mrs. Carl Behn to organize a Detroit FrAm. The children met, November 5, in the home of Mrs. Joseph E. Johnston and were taught French greetings and songs by Madame Vafiadi.

The extension committee of the Auxiliary descended, November 16, upon the neighboring city of Ypsilanti. At the Woman's Study Club, Mrs. Charles H. Schutz spoke to a large group on "Our Individual Responsibility in International Friendship." The address was followed by a presentation of a McAll motion picture film.

ELIZABETH, N. J.

Mrs. G. Bartram Woodruff was hostess to the membership of the Auxiliary at its regular fall meeting, November 16. Mrs. Frank H. Robson, president, introduced the field representative who presented the 1932 McAll film. Mrs. David M. Miller read an enthusiastic letter from Madame Vachon expressing thanks for the boxes of clothing, dolls, and layettes sent by the Elizabeth depot. The managers will meet early in 1933.

ELMIRA, N. Y.

Under the skillful and enthusiastic leadership of Dr. Frederick Lent, president of Elmira College, a series of meetings, leading to the organization of an Auxiliary in that city of culture and progress, was arranged for the field representative in December. These included an evening meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Bovier, the Sunday morning service in North Presbyterian Church, the vesper service at Elmira College, the Sunday evening meeting at Park Congregational Church, and a talk with pictures before fifty pastors of the city.

ITHACA, N. Y.

A two day visit by the field representative to this city gave encouraging hope that the love which Mrs. Henry S. Williams bore so earnestly and so fruitfully for the *Mission* will find expression among her friends in the form of a memorial. Incidentally, the McAll film was shown to a group of college women in Barnes Hall, and to 150 young people in the First Methodist Church.

MAPLEWOOD, N. J.

From Mrs. Laura E. Anthony comes a clipping from her church paper with an article about the Maplewood FrAm, one of a series appearing each month and read by 500 members of the congregation. The sixteen members of the FrAm are working hard in anticipation of a sale to be held early in the year.

MERIDEN

At the December meeting of the Auxiliary in the home of Mrs. J. D. Eggleston, a tribute was paid to General La Fayette by Mrs. W. G. Koareman, and a report of the vacation colony experiences of Miss Louise Truslow was read. In the last week of January, Mrs. John G. Nagel will entertain the sewing group in her home.

The Auxiliary is conducting an intensive extension campaign in the neighboring towns of Southington, Middletown and Wallingford.

MINNEAPOLIS

The Auxiliary has had three meetings since October 15. The sewing circle begins its work in January to add to the splendid start made by Miss Paige and Mrs. P. S. Janney who spent their summer vacation making dresses to be sent to France. Plans are being made to assure an enthusiastic welcome to Miss Congdon in February.

NEW HAVEN

Throughout the Association, it will be good news to learn that Mrs. Abraham R. Perkins is back in financial harness again. At a recent meeting of officers and directors, Mrs. Perkins was elected treasurer of the New Haven Auxiliary to succeed Mrs. Stanley Daggett, retired. Miss Catherine Webb was elected to membership on the Auxiliary Board.

Mrs. Gustavus Eliot, president, read a letter from Mlle. Louise Raimond, accountant in the Paris office of the *Mission*, describing an adventurous trip with Mons. Chollet to the chapel boat, *La Bonne Nouvelle*. "Tell the members of your Auxiliary," Mlle. Raimond wrote, "that we are not sleeping, but working with confidence in God. If money is scarce, our faith in God and in our friends in America is stronger than ever."

PITTSFIELD, MASS.

The membership of the Auxiliary is mourning the loss of Miss Harriet M. Plunkett, a zealous pioneer of the organization, who passed away November 7. On another page of the RECORD appears a tribute to this loyal worker written by Miss Anna L. Dawes.

Mrs. Henry M. Seaver, president, writes that the Auxiliary is "in good condition in every way" and that sewing meetings are in progress.

Presidents' Conference

INCLUDING representatives from the Auxiliaries of Boston, Brooklyn, Easton, Easton French History Club, Hartford, Larchmont, Montclair, New Haven, New York City, the Oranges, and Philadelphia, forty-seven persons spent a busy and inspiring day together at the Presidents' Conference, November 11, at the New York Bible Society and Hotel Wentworth.

Marshaled to the platform by Mrs. Helen M. Craig, president of the American McAll Association, were the following speakers: Miss Helen Hayes, assistant to the General Secretary of the New York Bible Society, in charge of devotions; Mrs. Seth Bingham who recounted first-hand impressions of *Mission* work in France; Mrs. Richard M. Colgate, with the findings of a McAll Advisory Council held in New York City, October 17; Mrs. Robert Christie, of Montclair, with a brief talk of what she saw in Paris earlier in the year; the field representative who presented the 1932 McAll film; Miss Antonia Froendt, of the Central Bureau for the Relief of the Evangelical Churches of Europe, who spoke of the activities of her organization; Charles L. Jaillet, of Morristown, N. J., and Miss Louise Truslow, of New York City, in a dual description of their experiences as counsellors at the vacation colony of *Coqueréaumont* last summer. Mr. Jaillet generously interspersed a number of French songs to the accompaniment of his guitar. The conference was closed with a benediction by the Reverend Weir, of New Haven.

Legacies

From the estate of Elizabeth B. Kelsey (Mrs. Clarence H.), the sum of \$1,000 to the Orange Auxiliary.

The Philadelphia Auxiliary has received a bequest of \$2,500 from the estate of Mary E. Cushing.

To the American McAll Association a bequest of \$1,000 in the will of Harriet M. Plunkett, of Pittsfield, Mass.

Minnie L. Overacker, for many years collector at Syracuse, mentioned the Association in her will. The amount has not yet been made public.

Receipts of the American McAll Association from Auxiliaries and Churches

October 15—December 15, 1932—\$7,869.97

MASSACHUSETTS, \$397.00

Andover Friends	\$ 6.00
Boston Auxiliary	75.00
Pittsfield Auxiliary	236.00
Springfield Auxiliary	72.00
Springfield Fram	3.00
Worcester Auxiliary	5.00

CONNECTICUT, \$1,551.00

Hartford Auxiliary	\$ 1,040.00
New Britain Auxiliary	75.00
New Britain Fram	36.00
New Haven Auxiliary	400.00

NEW YORK, \$886.00

Buffalo Junior Auxiliary	\$ 18.00
New York Auxiliary	818.00
Rochester Auxiliary	50.00

NEW JERSEY, \$1,638.34

Bloomfield	\$ 1.00
Maplewood Fram	9.00
Montclair Auxiliary	108.00
Auxiliary of the Oranges	502.21
Legacy Elizabeth B. Kelsey (Mrs. Clarence H.)	1,000.00
Plainfield Auxiliary	18.13

PENNSYLVANIA, \$2,810.50

Moylan	\$ 2.00
Philadelphia Auxiliary	306.50
Legacy Mary E. Cushing	2,500.00
Philadelphia	2.00

MINNESOTA, \$27.50

Minneapolis Auxiliary	\$ 27.50
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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, \$86.00

Washington Auxiliary	\$ 86.00
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DELAWARE, \$2.00

Wilmington Auxiliary	\$ 2.00
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TENNESSEE, \$14.00

Knoxville	\$ 14.00
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MICHIGAN, \$27.10

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